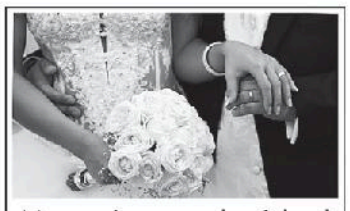
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Vaccination Drive

Countdown begins

20,500 Covishield vials arrive in city on Jan. 13 night

PIC.1: ***Dr. L. Ravi, COVID-19 Nodal Officer for Immunisation opening the sealed lock of the truck that arrived with Covishield vaccine.*** *PIC. 2:* ***Health Officers unloading the first consignment of vaccine.*** *PIC. 3:* ***Officials displaying the vaccine vials before moving them into cold storage.***

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (SSV)- India is all set to write a new script in the history with Prime Minister Narendra Modi launching a nationwide vaccination drive online tomorrow for the dreaded COVID-19 pandemic which snuffed out lakhs of lives besides ruining the economy of all countries in the last 10 months.

The whole world is watching developments in India in the last one week after Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved two vaccines (Covishield and Covaxin) for emergency administration much to the relief of crores of Indians. Vaccine vials have reached all districts and country's population is waiting with bated breath for the vaccine drive from tomorrow. Covishield vaccine vials are safely stored inside District Vaccine Stores from where it would be taken out tomorrow for vaccinating healthcare workers in the first round.

(See VIALS on page 6)

Packed with a prayer

सर्वे सन्तु निरामया: *Sarve Santu Niramayah*

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (BCT)- The first consignment of Covishield vaccine that came to Mysuru in temperature-controlled trucks from Pune-based Serum Institute of India sported a Sanskrit shloka '*Sarve Santu Niramayah*'. The sticker was pasted on the boxes of the vaccine on the top right corner.

Each box contains 50 vials of the vaccine and six boxes of 50 vials each are then packed in one box. Each box weighs 32 kg. Along with the details of the vaccines including manufacturer, batch number, and doses, the sticker stating '*Sarve Santu Niramayah*' was pasted on the boxes of the vaccine and just below the shloka, the sentence in English reads '*May all be free from disease*'.

The full shloka reads: "*Sarve bhavantu sukhinah; sarve santu niramayah; Sarve bhadraani pashyantu maa kaschit dukhabhaag bhavet; Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi.*"

The translation is: "*Let all be happy; let all be healthy; let all see/experience auspiciousness; let no one be suppressed /overwhelmed by grief; Om peace, peace, peace.*"

Gold Con

- **Inter-State 'cheap gold selling' racket busted**
- **Seven including one from Mysuru, three from Kerala and three from Kodagu arrested**

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (RK&BCT)- The City Police have cracked two cases of cheating where gullible people were targeted by inter-State gangs, who cheat by offering to sell gold at low prices. Seven persons have been arrested and cash amounting to Rs. 15 lakh has been seized along with a 20 gram gold biscuit, two cars, one bike and five mobile phones.

On interrogation, the accused told the Police that they were habituated to luxurious life and needed money for the same. Of the Rs. 28.50 lakh cash that was obtained from cheating, they had spent Rs. 13.5 lakh in a matter of days.

The first case was reported from Narasimharaja Police Station limits a month back when one Yusuf introduced himself to Abdul Samad, a resident of S.S. Nagar, as a gold merchant and promised Samad that he would get gold in cheap prices. Trusting Yusuf, Abdul Samad gave Rs. 5 lakh as advance.

While convincing Samad, Yusuf had produced a gold biscuit and promised the former that the gold would be pure and no cheating was involved here. However, after Samad paid the advance, Yusuf vanished from the scene and Samad lodged a Police complaint.

In the second case, Shahanth Aslam was cheated by Yusuf of Rs. 23.50 lakh and a case was registered at V.V. Puram Police Station. Yusuf had told Aslam that he could sell gold in cheap price as he was a dealer from Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Yusuf boasted of top-level connections with the RBI officers and get gold at concession rates.

Shahanth Aslam was bowled over by Yusuf's claims and agreed to pay Rs. 23.50 lakh. When Aslam brought the cash to a bank on Temple Road near V.V. Puram Police Station, Yusuf took the cash bag inside the bank to deposit and then vanished from there. He managed to send Shahanth Aslam out of the bank while he escaped.

(See CON on page 6)

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Mysuru, Friday 15th January 2021

Prof. S.R. Niranjana selected for Dr. K.C. Mehta Memorial Award

Mysuru, Jan. 15- Prof. S.R. Niranjana, former Vice-Chancellor, Gulbarga University; Professor and Chairman of Biotechnology, University of Mysore, has been selected for the prestigious "Dr. K. C. Mehta Memorial Award" by The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi, for the Biennium 2019-2020 for his outstanding contributions in Plant Protection.

Prof. S.R. Niranjana

The Award consists of a citation and a silver plaque. It will be presented at the Inaugural Session of the XV Agricultural Science Congress at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

Prof. Niranjana is a recipient of several awards. He is working on various aspects of Plant protection, Molecular Plant Pathology, Seed Pathology, Biological Control and Host-pathogen interaction for agriculture and sustainable development with his team of Research Scholars and Post-Doctoral Fellows from last three decades.

Prof. Niranjana is involved in quality food production and protection in the major food crops such as cereals, vegetables, oil seeds and food crops. He is also instrumental in establishing the Asian Seed Health Centre by transferring the Seed Pathology Courses from Danish Government Institute of Seed Pathology (DGISP), Denmark to Department of Studies in Applied Botany, University of Mysore.

Online Monthly Science Lecture Series-6 tomorrow

Sudhindra

Mysuru, Jan. 15- Gravity Science Foundation, Chamarajanagar and Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, have organised Online Monthly Science Lecture Series - 6 on "Physics of Flight" on Jan. 16 at 4 pm by resource person Sudhindra Haldodderi, former Scientist, DRDO, former DGM-HAL and Popular Science Writer. The webinar shall be conducted through Cisco WebEx. It is open for all. No registration fee. However, the participants should register initially and register by using the link — https://forms.gle/Zewh1wv5REzG5SY8A

'Cisco Webex' Link will be shared to all registered participants to their registered e-mail. For details contact: *gravitysciencefoundation@gmail.com* or 97420-65065.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The stakes of COVID vaccination programme that is to begin on Jan. 16 couldn't be higher and cannot be overstated. A successful effort will not only be crucial in pulling India out of health and wealth doldrums in itself, there will also be an incalculable sentiment boost for Brand India. Given that the complicated science of how the vaccines have been developed and regulated has challenged the understanding of even experts, there is understandably a lot of confusion about all this among mass audiences. Sincere, continual, plentiful but coherent communication with the public will be essential through the ebbs and flows. Trust is also built on cooperation and coordination. How this plays out between the Centre and States will be critical. After all, the COVID vaccination programme is being led by the Centre but will be delivered by the States. One hopes the populist demonisation of rival political parties — hugely fashionable these days — can be kept out of the vaccination drive. Else, the injection of politics into everything can prove as lethal as the Coronavirus itself. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

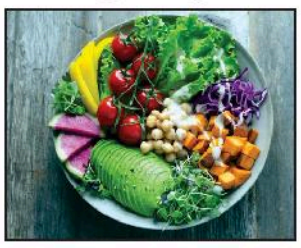
The tiny coconuts of the Chilean wine palm

Chile: Coquitos, also known as pigmy coconuts or dwarf coconuts, are the tiny equivalent of the coconuts we all know.

Coquitos miniature coconuts are the fruit of Jubaea chilensis, a feather-leaved palm native to Chile and just like regular coconuts, they have a brown exterior, a white interior with a hollow center, and very similar taste.

The Chilean wine palm gets its name from the sugary sap extracted from its trunk, which Chileans use to make wine and syrup. It takes up to fifty years to achieve maturity and can live from a century, up to a millennium. Of the more than 2,600 known species of palms, Jubaea chilensis is the second most massive, with a thickness at its base that can exceed 2 meters. These are all interesting facts, but not as interesting as the rare fruits of this tree.

Meat eater offered 68,000 dollars to go vegan



London: A popular plant-based meal subscription service is offering the 'UK's biggest meat-eater' the chance to earn 50,000 pounds (68,000 dollars) by going vegan for three months.

Vibrant Vegan recently announced that it is on the lookout for a Vegan Curious Coordinator, a die-hard meat-eater willing to experience an exclusively vegan lifestyle for at least three months. The selected person will have to sign a contract, pledging to not consume any animal-based foods during the three-month trial, while at the same time encouraging others to give veganism a go on social media. If they abide by the agreement, they stand to earn the the equivalent of 50,000 pounds salary.

The idea to get a meat-eater as the company's Vegan Curious Coordinator was inspired by a survey of 15,000 meat-eaters, in which 34% of respondents admitted to being 'vegan curious'.

HEALTH CAPSULE

In a child with diarrhoea - drowsiness with dry tongue and sunken eyeballs, having feeble pulse with less urine output indicates extreme dehydration. This requires urgent attention.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar - Consultant Paediatrician

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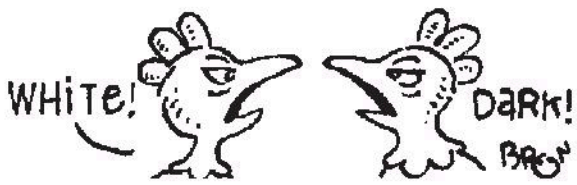

Dark meat contains more myoglobin, an oxygen-carrying protein that gives dark meat its darker colour. Dark meat is more nutrient-dense than white meat, containing more iron and zinc. Dark meat is also a rich source of Vitamins A, K, B6, B12, Niacin, Folic Acid, Selenium and Phosphorus.

COVID UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 13	JAN. 14
Day's Positive Cases	31	23
Total Positive Cases	52,894	52,917
Day's Discharges	54	23
Total Discharges	51,596	51,619
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,020	1,020
Total Active Cases	278	278

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Release of book 'Sajjanaru'

Mysuru, Jan. 15- Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale in association with Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru, has organised a book release function at Institute of Engineers, JLB Road here on Jan. 17 at 10.30 am.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Music University Dr. Sarvamanagala Shankar will be inaugurating and releasing the book 'Sajjanaru' written by Honorary President of Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy S. Ramprasad.

Chairman of Kannada Book Authority Dr. Nandish Hanche will preside. Retired Principal of D. Banumaiah College Prof. S. Shivaji Jois will speak about the book.

President of Kalakoota M. Chandrashekar, writer S. Ramprasad, Publisher T.S. Chayapathi and Pratibha Murali will be present, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***In 2003 New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur took the NHL Stanley Cup to a movie theatre and ate popcorn out of it.***
- ***At one time, a Minnesota tax form required you to list your date of death.***
- ***Hiking the entire 2,174-mile Appalachian Trail takes an average of 5 to 7 months.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Girl: *Nice Mobile. Where did you buy?*
Boy: *I won this in a running race.*
Girl: *How many people participated?*
Boy: *Mobile owner, Police and Me!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.03
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.80
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.88
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.65

VOICE OF THE READER

Commendable response by PFA to animal rescue call

Sir,

On Sunday evening I saw an abandoned puppy by the side of my house. Somebody inconsiderate enough had left the little puppy in a cardboard box. The poor thing was whining the whole time and it was exploring the road, it surely wouldn't have survived the night.

I did the next best thing by calling Savitha Nagabhushan of People For Animals (PFA) and despite it being night time on a Sunday she responded very enthusiastically and sent people over. They came within 15 minutes of the call and took the puppy away.

It is really highly appreciable that response was given so immediately and effectively and it is wonderful to see that there are people who invest themselves so honestly in their work.

—Anupama Hegde
T.K.Layout
12.1.2021

Kodagu DC on long leave to join husband in the US

Kodagu ZP CEO Bhanwar Singh Meena to take charge as in-charge DC

Madikeri, Jan. 15- Kodagu Deputy Commissioner (DC) Annies Kanmani Joy is on a long leave from today (Jan. 15) to join her husband Stephen Mani, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer, posted recently as First Secretary to Indian Embassy in Washington DC, USA, along with their daughter Apoorva, for some time.

Annies Kanmani Joy

Kodagu Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bhanwar Singh Meena will take charge as the in-charge DC.

Annies, who had a two year successful tenure in Kodagu as the DC, has thanked everyone for the support and co-operation provided to her, especially during handling of natural disasters, controlling COVID-19 pandemic and conducting GP polls.

The DC said that she had sanctioned 274 acres of land to various development works including establishment of Waste Segregation Unit, residential school and community centres.

Obituary

Murad Baig

Mysuru, Jan. 15- Murad Baig alias Afsar Saheb (55), son of M. Ghouse Baig and a resident of S.A. Layout in Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following heart attack. The deceased was the brother of Corporator Anwar Baig.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid-e-Al Badar at Rajivnagar at 11 am today, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Rachaiah

Rachaiah (95), a resident of Tottawadi village in T. Narasipur taluk, passed away yesterday at his residence following age related ailments.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons including Mysore University Evening College lecturer Dr. R. Ningaraju, three daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Tottawadi Burial Grounds yesterday evening, according to family sources.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Animals adopted

The following have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the Adoption Fee: C. Puttaiah, Bengaluru - Peacock (Rs. 7,000); G. Rupa, Bengaluru- Indian Grey Wolf (Rs. 20,000); Chirag Jain, Bengaluru- King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); Nagendra, Bengaluru- Budgerigar and Love Bird (Rs. 2,000); Akshatha Prasad, Mysuru- Indian Softshell Turtle (Rs. 2,000).

Annual Meeting of KUWJ

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ), Bengaluru, will be held at Sri Venkateshwara Kalyana Mantapa premises located near Satyagraha Soudha, Shivapura, Maddur, Mandya district, on Feb. 2 at 12 noon. KUWJ President Shivananda Tagaduru will preside.

Appointed as Honorary Advisors

Senior theatre artistes C. Basavalingaiah, Rajashekar Kadamba, B.M. Ramachandra and Mandya Ramesh have been appointed as Honorary Advisors of Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Activists Forum, according to a press release.

New office-bearers

The election of new Executive Committee of Sri Kalidasa Gruhanirmana Sahakara Sangha will be held at its NR Mohalla office premises on Jan. 24 from 9 am to 4 pm. Last date to file nominations and withdrawal of nominations will be Jan. 16 and Jan. 18 respectively.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	118.35	feet
Yesterday	:	118.80	feet
Inflow	:	1,304	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,382	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,271.76	feet
Inflow	:	606	cusecs
Outflow	:	250	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Yesterday	:	2,821.64	feet
Inflow	:	141	cusecs
Outflow	:	30	cusecs

Former Mayors regret sliding tax revenues

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (RK&BCT)- Former Mayors have suggested the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to effectively implement and streamline tax collection system so that money could be raked in from regular sources. Many ambitious projects announced every year in MCC budget do not get implemented due to lack of funds and the Corporation is forced to depend on the State Government for grants.

The former Mayors aired their suggestions at a meeting convened by the MCC on Jan. 13 at Old Council Hall to seek suggestions from elected representatives, citizens and representatives of various organisations ahead of the presentation of budget for 2021-22. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Mayor Sridhar. Mayor Tasneem, who was supposed to have chaired the meeting, did not attend.

At the outset, former Mayors B.L. Bhyrappa and Purushotham urged MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde to set a target to all revenue officers to ensure that the civic body reaches the target. "Many schemes announced by the MCC in the budget remain on paper due to paucity of funds. Except for Zone 3, tax collection has not been streamlined in all the other eight Zones. Officers are expected to visit each house, shop and each commercial establishment to collect taxes. Unfortunately they are not doing so," Bhyrappa said.

Tax graph drops

It is impossible to prepare a budget when revenue collection is dropping every year and no effort is made to at least collect taxes from over 2,20,000 properties. "Officers are not showing seriousness in recovering taxes. Only certain areas in city are concentrated upon while collecting taxes while large pockets are left out where there are thousands of households that never paid taxes for years. I fail to understand the logic behind this. Tax is not being collected from 28 revenue layouts despite MCC providing all the facilities," Bhyrappa said.

Purushotham alleged that the MCC was not able to collect tax from its own buildings due to corrupt system. He also stated that a lot of corruption is committed in issuance and renewals of trade licences. "What is the need of these officers who are not performing? Many new residential localities are being regularly added to the MCC but the tax collection continues to be poor," he said.

Discriminatory attitude

Continuing his tirade against MCC officers, Purushotham said that when the taxes are collected, only lower income groups are harassed while the rich and the influential are spared. There are many businesses that are operating without valid licences. "Why adopt this discriminatory attitude? A lot depends on the ground-level officers who do the physical work. Even the in-charge officers must get onto the streets to collect tax dues. Unless taxes of respective years are not strictly collected, the MCC cannot think of development," he stated.

Former Mayor Srikantaiah regretted that the commitment of officers has come down and the same is reflected in the tax collection system. "The number of officers has increased along with their salaries and perks. But the actual work on tax collection has lagged behind. MCC is not a charitable but a service-oriented public organisation and it should function without compromising on its roles and responsibilities. Tax collection has to become professional and strict. MCC staff must be given monthly targets on property tax and water bill collection," he suggested.

Participants told the MCC to look for building new market spaces for revenue generation as the existing revenue from the markets has become insignificant with no revision in rent since years.

The civic body must look for new revenue generation methods such as construction of new markets on its lands, they suggested.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde informed that the MCC has collected Rs. 103 crore in taxes amid COVID-19 crisis.

He assured that tax collection and reforms in the administration will be taken up as per the suggestions given by the public and former Mayors.

MCC Office building turns 100

The building that houses the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) on Sayyaji Rao Road will complete 100 years of its construction on Jan. 24. The majestic structure recently got a fresh coat of paint and interiors of the structure were restored as per heritage guidelines.

"Grand celebrations amidst the pandemic are not possible. But the celebrations will happen but in a simple way to mark the big occasion," Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde told the meeting and invited suggestions on the nature of celebrations.

Suggestions were given on felicitating senior-most Corporators and also honour the oldest citizens of Mysuru as respect towards their contributions for the growth of the city. Events should be held to mark the contributions of Maharajas of Mysore to the region as part of the centenary celebrations.

Woman among two persons go missing from city

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (KS)- In separate incidents, a woman and a man have gone missing from Vidyaranyapuram and Mysuru South Police limits in city.

In the first incident, a 55-year-old man has gone missing since Jan. 12 from Mysuru South Police limits in city.

The missing man is **Thimmegowda.** He is 4.5 ft. tall, round faced, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a cream coloured full arm shirt and black pant at the time of going missing. Those having any information about the missing man may contact the SP Office on Ph: 0821-2520040 or call District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

In the second incident, a 59-year-old woman, who left her house on Sept. 20 at about 9.30 am, has since gone missing from Vidyaranyapuram Police limits in city.

The missing woman is **Padma**, Those having information about Padma, may contact Vidyaranyapuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418122 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Sankranti celebrated with fervour in city

Mysuru, Jan.15 (MTY&DM)- Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Makara Sankranti, the harvest festival dedicated to the Sun God, was celebrated with religious fervour across the city and in villages.

Although the grandeur was not on par with previous years, a large number of women were seen visiting houses, performing the practice of *Ellu Birodhu,* which involves carrying a plate containing Sesame Seeds *(Ellu)* and Jaggery *(Bella)* and other ingredients like fried groundnuts, coconut, sugarcane pieces and sweets with them to offer others.

As part of the festival, women also drew colourful *rangolis* outside their homes and decorated the front doors with mango leaves and flowers. The deities were worshipped and offered Pongal, Ellu-Bella and other ingredients as *Nyvedya.*

Special pujas were performed at all temples in city, with devotees thronging them since early morning to offer prayers on this special day. Most temples of the city witnessed rush with devotees lining up in large numbers for seeking the blessing of the deity.

The festival also featured one of the customary rituals especially in rural areas — *Kichhu Hayisuvudu* — a ritual, where cows and oxen are made to leap though fire. It is believed that the heat of fire will kill the germs on the animals' body.

The cattle were colourfully decorated and their horns were painted in different colours. Cows and sheep were decorated with garlands, bells, flowers etc., before walking them through fire. It is widely believed among devotees that this ritual will bring them good fortune and protect them from any harm or evil.

The *Kichhu Hayisuvudu* ritual at Siddalingapura on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, which has earned Statewide attraction for its speciality and popularity, drew thousands of people from neighbouring villages and towns this year too, despite the COVID-19 contagion. The large gathering at the spot watched keenly as a pair of cow, garlanded with apples and decorated with flowers and anklets, were made to leap through the fire.

As the ritual was about to start in the evening with the onset of dusk, the jurisdictional Metagalli Police objected to it saying that there was no permission. However, the villagers persisted that this was the customary ritual, which is going on for decades, is well known and there was no need for any permission. After some argument and the intervention of village elders, the ritual passed off peacefully at the service road next to the Highway at Siddalingapura, which is being laid as part of the upgradation of the Highway to 10–lane Highway, including service road. The ritual went through without any hiccups much to the delight of the large crowd.

Villagers offered special prayers to *Grama Devathe* in their respective villages.

A farmer making his cattle jump over the fire** (Kichhu Hayisuvudu) **at Siddalingapura on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway yesterday evening.

In the city, *Kichhu Hayisuvudu* ritual was held at Nanjumalige, Agrahara, Paduvarahalli, Kumbarakoppal, K.G. Koppal, T.K. Layout, Kurubarahalli, Alanahalli, Srirampura and a few other localities. Cattle owners had colourfully decorated their cows.

In another event, Bharatiya Go Parivar of Ramachandrapura Mutt celebrated the harvest festival by offering worship to a heap of paddy *(Batthada Kana)* at its premises. D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya, Corporator Shivakumar, Go Parivar Co-ordinaor Rakesh Bhat, former Corporator M.D. Parthasarathy and others were present.

In another event organised by Chamaraja Unit of BJP, heaps of crops, cereals and millets were worshipped *(Dhavasa dhanya puja)* and puja to cow was performed at Mahadeshwaraswamy Temple in Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli). Several farmers were feted on the occasion. MLA L. Nagendra presided.

Brutal Murder Case

Two arrested for killing man by running autorickshaw over him

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (RK&KS) - An autorickshaw driver, along with his friend, who had brutally murdered a man (Mallikarjuna), who was standing on the cross road by ramming him with the auto and running over him and again running over the victim to make sure he was dead, have been arrested by N.R. Police on Jan. 13.

The whole incident of the brutal incident, which took place on Jan. 10, was captured on the CCTV Camera, which helped the Police nab the accused. The arrested are 46-year-old Sridhar and 50-year-old Govindaraju, both residing in N.R. Police limits.

Based on the CCTV footage, N.R. Police Inspector Azaruddin and team nabbed the two accused on Wednesday.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have told the Police that on Jan. 10, Mallikarjuna, who was drunk, fought with them (Sridhar and Govindaraju) over petty reasons and had spoken bad about their mothers. Angered over Mallikarjuna abusing their mothers, they took him in the autorickshaw and made him get down at the cross road and then ran over the autorickshaw on him twice in an attempt to kill Mallikarjuna. Victim Mallikarjuna died on Jan. 12.

The Police have seized the autorickshaw used for committing the crime.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and N.R. Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar supervised N.R. Inspector Azaruddin, Sub-Inspector Anil Kumar, ASI Papanna and staff Gangadhar, Shivanna and Manju, took part in the nabbing operation and arrested the accused within 24 hours of registering the case, according to the press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

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Covishield vials arrive: Mysuru ready

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The stage is completely set for the smooth launch of vaccine drive in Mysuru District. Meetings of District-level Officers are happening almost daily to take note of preparations for the inoculation.

A meeting of senior officials was convened this morning to review last minute preparations once again as less than 24 hours are left for the launch of this drive.

"The vaccination of healthcare staff at all nine vaccination sites will begin soon after Prime Minister Modi concludes his speech," Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and COVID-19 Nodal Officer for Vaccination, told *SOM*.

Last minute preparations like dispatching hand antiseptic solution and syringes are neatly packed for every vaccination sites. The same will be dispatched in designated vehicles two hours before the drive begins.

The beneficiaries, who have already registered their names in CoWIN App, have been given venue, date and time to take the first shot. Trained vaccinators and other staff have been asked to be present at their respective vaccination centres well before the time in order to start once the PM waves the green flag, the Officer said.

Before dispatching Covishield vials to districts, Additional Chief Secretary Jawaid Akthar and National Health Mission Managing Director Dr. Arundathi held a video-conferencing with all District Heads regarding the Saturday launch of vaccine.

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, DCP (L&O) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, DHO Dr. T. Amarnath, ZP Deputy Secretary Premkumar and others participated in the meeting.

First consignment

Dr. Ravi said the air-conditioned truck carrying 47,000 vaccine vials started from Bengaluru around 8 pm and reached Mysuru at 11.30 pm on Wednesday (Jan. 13). The consignment was received by himself, Dr. Shivashankar, Super-Specialist; Ashok and Rajendra, Pharmacy Officers, Regional Vaccine Stores and others and transferred the same to cold store unit inside District Vaccine Depot situated in the premises of District Health Office. A watch and ward has been posted at the Vaccine Depot for the safety of vials.

"20,000 Covaxin vials will be arriving in the State soon. There is difference between Covaxin vial and Covishield vial. The Covishield has 5 ml of vaccine and can be given to 10 persons. The Covaxin vial has 10 ml vaccine in each vial and can be given to 20 persons. Both the vaccine will be given in the State and there is no choice for any. The Government of India has issued a guideline regarding which district and which staff to be given the vaccination. All districts will be distributed with the vaccine to launch it on Jan. 16."

— Dr. K. Sudhakar,
Health and Medical Education Minister

Vaccination Sites

- Trauma Care Centre, KRS Road
- JSS Hospital, Mysuru
- T.Narasipur Taluk Hospital
- H.D. Kote Taluk Hospital
- Hunsur Taluk Hospital
- K.R. Nagar Taluk Hospital
- Nanjangud Taluk Hospital
- Periyapatna Taluk Hospital
- Rangasamudra Health and Wellness Centre

Vaccination timing

Soon after PM Narendra Modi inaugurates vaccine drive online tomorrow

Number of beneficiaries to be vaccinated on Day-1

- 60 persons at Rangasamudra Centre
- 100 persons in rest of the sites

Number of Covishield vaccine vials allotted

Mysuru	-	20,500
Chamarajanagar	-	4,000
Kodagu	-	4,000
Hassan	-	10,500
Mandya	-	8,000

Who can't take vaccine?

- Pregnant and lactating mothers
- Children below 18 years of age
- Persons having active symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma
- Acutely unwell and hospitalised (with or without intensive care) patients due to any illness
- Persons with a past history of SARS-CoV-2 infection (sero-positivity) or RT-PCR positive illness
- History of chronic diseases and morbidities (cardiac, neurological, pulmonary, metabolic, renal malignancies)
- Immuno-deficiency, HIV patients on immune suppression due to any condition.

Gold Con: Inter-State 'cheap gold selling' racket busted

The seven accused arrested by city Police.

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The arrests were made on Jan. 11 by a Special Police Team constituted by DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and N.R. Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar. The arrested have been identified as Mustafa alias Yusuf and Kunjiraman alias Ramji both residents of Thaliparamba of Kannur district in Kerala and Abdul Hakeem alias Mohammad, a resident of Madikeri in Kodagu district.

Initially, the Police arrested three persons and based on the information given by them, four more accused were arrested on Jan. 13. They have been identified as Mohammad Shafi from Hadoor of Kasaragod in Kerala, B.P. Gurucharan of Mahadevpet in Madikeri, K.A. Karthik of Kunjila village near Kakkabbe in Kodagu district and Sameeulla of Bannimantap in Mysuru. Cash worth Rs 15 lakh (Rs. 12.50 lakh from V.V. Puram Police case and Rs. 2.50 lakh from N.R. Police case), one 20 gram gold biscuit, two cars and one two-wheeler have been seized. Investigations revealed that Mustafa alias Yusuf and Mohammad Shafi had similar cheating cases on them in Kollam district in Kerala. N.R. Inspector Azaruddin, V.V. Puram Inspector Arun and team led the arrest operation.

DCP Geetha Prasanna displaying the gold biscuit at the press meet today.

Actor Abhishek Ambarish launches Ram Mandir fund collection in city

Mysuru, Jan.15 (RKB&DM)- The fund raising drive for the construction of Sri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, the birth place of Lord Ram, began in the city this morning with the Mysuru Unit of Sri Ramajanmabhoomi Theertha Kshetra Trust starting 'Sri Ram Mandir Nirman Nidhi Samarpana Abhiyana' in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at Palace North Gate.

Actor Abhishek Ambarish, son of late actor Ambarish and actress Sumalatha (now Mandya MP) couple, launched the fund collection campaign by offering prayers at the temple and donating Rs.5,000.

Speaking on the occasion, Abhishek said that he has donated a small sum for a great cause. Maintaining that the Trust has been working for fulfilling the aspirations of crores of Hindus who want to see Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, he wished the Trust all success in the campaign.

Replying to a question on why theatres were not willing to open when all other commercial establishments, schools and colleges, marriage halls etc., have re-opened, he merely said that there are senior actors who could discuss the issue with theatre owners.

Asserting that it is the choice of cinema producers to release their films online or in theatres in the post COVID-19 lockdown scenario, he however said that, personally, he would like to support theatre owners.

Sri Ramjanmabhoomi Theertha Kshetra Trust State President M.Venkatram said that the 'Abhiyaana' launched today will continue till Feb.5 across the State. Pointing out that scores of volunteer teams, with five members in each team, are visiting households for collecting funds, he said that people can donate voluntarily and there is no limit for donations.

Asserting that Ram Mandir will be built only by money donated from people, Venkatram said that the construction of the Mandir is expected to be complete in 2024. People can donate according to their capacity and coupons will be issued for every donation made (Rs.10 or more), he added.

He appealed the people to contribute liberally for Ram Mandir which is the pride of Hindus across the globe.

Trust Convenors R. Vasudev Bhat and Dr. Vaman Rao Bapat, city BJP President T.S. Srivatsa and others were present.

'Namma Nadige-Tyajya Mukta Kadege' special drive from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.15- The Mysuru ZP, in association with the RDPR Department and various other organisations, will launch 'Namma Nadige-Tyajya Mukta Kadege,' a month-long awareness drive for making rural areas clean and hygienic and free of wastes, from tomorrow (Jan.16).

The drive, which will be carried out with the theme 'Namma Grama- Namma Javabdari' (Our village - Our responsibility), will create awareness among villagers regarding maintenance of hygiene, segregation of wastes, cleanliness of drainages, waste pit management, conversion of wet wastes into manure and such other cleanliness issues, through sharing of videos in social media networks, poster campaigns, house visits, local media and other means.

The drive will go on till Feb.15, according to a press release.

Quarterly meeting of Nanjangud power consumers tomorrow

Nanjangud, Jan.15- The third quarterly meeting of power consumers coming under CESC Nanjangud Sub-Divisions 1 and 2 will be held tomorrow at CESC Office in Nanjangud town.

The meeting of power consumers coming under Nanjangud Sub-Division-1 will take place from 11 am to 12 noon, while that of power consumers coming under Nanjangud Sub-Division-2, will take place from 12 to 1 pm.

Consumers are appealed to attend the meeting and air their complaints/ grievances, according to a press release.

CESC power consumers' meet in city on Jan.16

Mysuru,Jan.15 - The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), will be conducting an interaction meet with power consumers at the Offices of its Sub-Divisions- V.V. Mohalla, Hootagalli, Kuvempunagar and Ramakrishnanagar, at 11 am tomorrow (Jan.16).

Power consumers can attend the meet at their respective Sub-Division Office and find solutions for their issues, according to a press release.

For details, call Ph: 0821-2416007 or 2416016.

Obituary

S. Subramanyam

Mysuru, Jan. 15 - S. Subramanyam (45), son of late M. Sheshadri and a resident of Metagalli, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam yesterday evening, according to sources.

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No classes yet for intermediate semesters of UG and PG courses

UoM VC calls meeting of College Principals on Jan. 18

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (RK&BCT)- Offline classes for students of intermediate semesters for both Post-Graduate (PG) and Under-Graduate (UG) courses in degree, diploma and engineering did not commence in Mysuru today as the University of Mysore (UoM) has called a meeting of all Principals of its affiliated Colleges on Jan. 18.

The State Government had announced after a high-level meeting with officials of the Department of Higher Education recently that classes for intermediate semesters would begin from Jan. 15 along with hostels and libraries which were closed until now.

While giving powers to the respective Universities to decide on the actual date to commence classes, Colleges were asked to restart sports, cultural activities and NCC and NSS training after chalking out Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

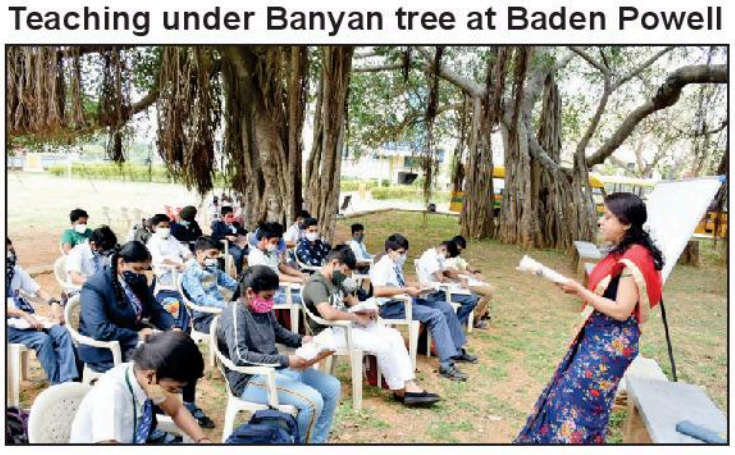
Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that a meeting of all Principals have been called on Jan. 18 (Monday) and the date of reopening will be decided that day. "Opening of first PUC, first and second year degree classes would mean readying the infrastructure like hostels, food, libraries and other allied facilities," he said.

"There is an urgent need to reopen the remaining classes in the best interest of students as many had complained that the online classes were not effective and they were not able to grasp even core concepts. But without infrastructure and other facilities, it is not possible to conduct classes suddenly. We will seek the opinions from Principals and then take a call," the VC said.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that the University had decided to open first year classes of PG courses from Jan. 25. These classes would reopen amidst all COVID-19 precautionary measures, he added.

While classes for final year students and second PUC had commenced on Nov. 17, the State Government had decided to reopen the remaining classes after *Sankranti*. Along with University hostels, the Department of Social Welfare and Backward Classes has to ensure that hostels are open along with food facilities.

Teaching under Banyan tree at Baden Powell



Meanwhile, the Baden Powell Public School behind the Mysuru DC Office has devised a distinctive means of imparting education amidst the time of COVID pandemic. Classes for sixth and eighth standards are being conducted under the shade of trees, in open air inside the school campus. Students are made to sit on individual chairs with social distancing and were seen holding books in their hand. Wearing of masks is compulsory while a teacher explains the lessons. A white board has been placed next to the teacher.

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Decoding Mythology

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Nine forms of Durgas

The concept of Nava-durga is extremely popular during Navaratri. Navaratri refers to the nine nights that lead to the celebration of Vijayadashami. The Goddess is worshipped in nine forms. The nine forms are Shailaputri, Brahmacharini, Chandraghanta, Kushmanda, Skanda Mata, Kaatyayani, Kalaratri, Mahagauri and Siddharaatri. These are not nine separate Goddesses. They represent the nine phases of the Goddess' life. The nine nights of Navaratri are a celebration of the Goddess in her entirety.

The Goddess is shakti, who brings meaning to Shiva, who disembodied pure consciousness. The first stage is Shailaputri, where Shakti is the Goddess of the mountains. She is born of the mountains and she decides to marry the mountain hermit, Shiva. He, however, does not want to marry. He withdraws into his mountain cave, stubbornly refusing to be with her.

In the second phase, she becomes Brahmacharini, a hermit, who performs tapasya. She mimics Shiva, who is a tapasvi himself. As she does exactly what he does, Shiva realises what would happen, if all men and women choose to become hermits. The next generation will not be created. The world will cease to exist. The rock (shiva-linga) becomes the plant (bilva), the object turns into an organism, as Shiva realises without Shakti, he is a dead body (shava).

Shiva agrees to marry Shakti and the Goddess then takes her third form, which is Chandraghanta. The Chandraghanta, or the bell-shaped moon, represents the first day of the waxing moon, when only an arc of the moon is seen. If Shiva is the waning moon (destroyer), with Shakti he becomes the waxing moon (creator).

Now, as Shiva's wife, she enjoys the companionship of Shiva and her body is filled with warmth. This makes her Kushmunda, gently aroused. In her fourth form, she becomes radiant like the sun, in the presence of Shiva.

The fifth form is when she becomes a mother. She is Skanda's mother. She has domesticated Shiva, who was a hermit into a householder called Shankara and also made him a father.

In the sixth form of Kaatyayani, she becomes the outraged warrior who fights Mahishasura — who cannot be defeated by any other deva. He arrogantly declares that no man can defeat him; forgetting that a woman can defeat him.

In her seventh form, she becomes even more fierce as Kalaratri — Kaali who kills Chanda and Munda. She adorns her body with his entrails, limbs and head. It is the fiercest and darkest form of the Goddess, after which she quickly calms downs.

She then becomes the eighth form: Mahagauri, the homemaker. Gauri is the one who is domestic: her hair is no longer unbound.

She doesn't run amok, naked on the battlefield. She sits at home preparing food, to feed her husband Shiva, in the form of Annapurna.

In the final form, she is Siddharaatri, the accomplished one. She has completed her work and now takes her rightful place as one half of Shiva's body. She completes him. This is her greatest accomplishment; she has connected Shiva to worldly life, made him realise his purpose, to animate the world, and make the world realise its value and purpose. This is the ultimate role of the Goddess in Hindu mythology.

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Another perspective of
Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel is in the news again. The Chairman of Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR), in his news briefing, wanted to have a Centenary celebration of the building which was commissioned in 1921 by our then Maharaja for the stay of Viceroy which never materialised. Excellent news.

Ballal

There is a lot of confusion on the land size of the Palace. I had got the land officially measured by a professional and it was about 40 acres and 24 guntas. Apart from this, the State Government in its wisdom had transferred some land to the Tourism Department around this property. Originally there was a mango orchard which was a part of this property but since there was water shortage from inception, the orchard was transferred to the Horticulture Department.

Even during my tenure in the Hotel, a landshark from Bengaluru had tried to occupy some land opposite the Hotel claiming that it was sold to him by the Maharaja but we got him evicted by proving that the land belonged to the Hotel.

This magnificent building would have been another one of the heritage buildings which would gone down the drain but for the vision of one Sundara, a Mysurean, who was the Chairman of the ITDC in the seventies. He realised that this building could be converted to a magnificent heritage hotel and he somehow convinced the State Government to hand over the building to ITDC, which appointed one H.N. Murthy as the Project Manager for this conversion work. They also appointed Rajinder Kumar Associates, the topmost hotel architect of that period, as the architect for this project.

In the seventies, no one had any experience of renovating a heritage building unlike the present time when there are hundreds of heritage hotels all around.

The building was in shambles and in poor condition. The building had to be completely water-proofed. The full garden had to be relaid. A major problem that time was the shortage of water and thus a new 3 inch line was laid from Vani Vilas Pump to the water sump at the entrance of the hotel at a cost of Rs. 3 lakh for exclusive use of the hotel. Due to the shortage of water, the step garden was also not redone.

But meanwhile Siddartha Layout came into existence. Due to local demands, the water meant for the hotel was diverted to the Layouts. Social justice.

The bathrooms in the old wing was not modified since they did not want to break the floor and re-lay the pipes. But the furniture of the 4 major suites rooms [Viceroy and Duplex] including the beds were completely done up with designs given by Rajinder Kumar. 20 carpenters from Delhi were brought in and they stayed in the hotel for 3 to 4 months to complete the work. The existing furniture was distributed to other rooms in the old buildings. Real silk curtains were installed in the old wing rooms.

Another problem faced by Murthy was the colour of the walls. The original paint of dark olive green was imported and was not available then. Nowadays one can get any colour since machines do the mixing and matching but in the seventies there was no such facility. Murthy then contacted the management of Asian Paints. They sent a team to collect the sample of the colour. They managed to match the colour and supplied about 400 litres of colour paint to the hotel for the purpose of repainting the front of the hotel with that particular olive green colour.

End of 74, the heritage hotel opened up for business and for about 6 years it was a white elephant making losses year after year. The reason was simple. A 24-room hotel with different size rooms can never make money. Groups shunned the hotel since one could not offer same kind of rooms for all the members. Then ITDC with the approval of the State Government built 30 modern rooms and a pool in 80s in such a way that it was not visible from the front. Once this modern rooms were built, group movement started and this hotel became an international star.

The lift, an original Otis built wooden carriage could not be commissioned during the inauguration. But luckily in my tenure, the grandson of Otis was coming on a visit to Mysore. I contacted the chief of Otis and told him about our problem. He immediately despatched his top engineers and got the lift commissioned before the arrival of the chief guest, who was thrilled to see his company antique lift in operation!

Since ITDC itself was on the disinvestment list, the management decided to hand over the building back to the Karnataka Government and did so in 2018, though the lease period was upto 2023. The Government in its wisdom asked JLR to take care of the property. This was supposed to be a temporary phase and a tender was supposed to be put out for leasing this property to ensure that this "jewel in the crown" was maintained in its full glory. JLR runs Jungle Lodges and they do not have the expertise or experience of managing heritage property.

Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel is a deluxe heritage hotel and the statement of the Chairman that he wants to convert this hotel to a "people's hotel" is ominous. Another heritage hotel at Hyderabad, the Taj Faluknama, charge Rs. 4,000 for just a visit. Why? The reason is simple. If too many visitors visit a heritage property, there is a chance of a damage. That is the reason the top heritage properties like Udaipur Palace Hotel etc., charge a lot to maintain their snob value. I do hope that the State Government calls the tender for leasing out this property at the earliest to some international chain. Otherwise this property, a jewel in the crown of Mysuru, shall become another basket case like our Lansdowne or Devaraja Market over a period of time.

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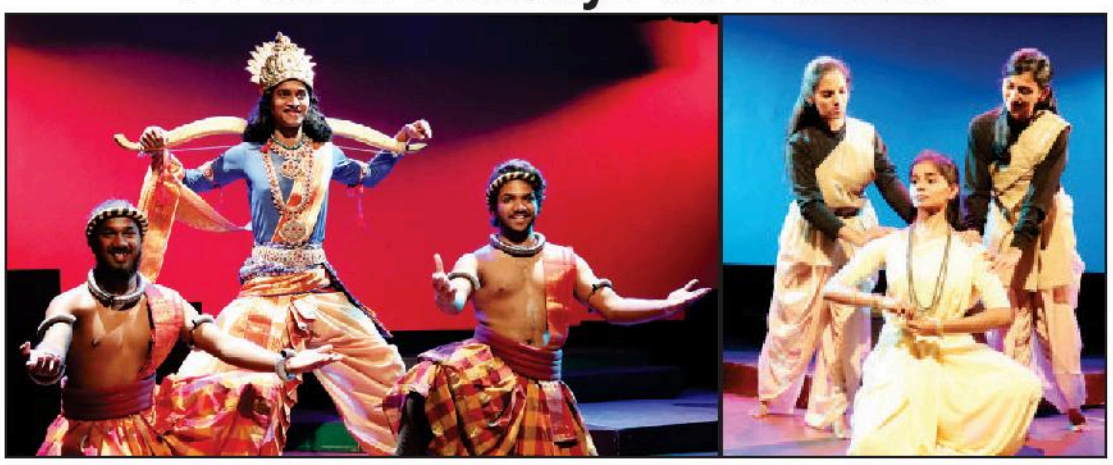
Valedictory of Subbaiah Naidu Memorial Theatre Training Course held

Rangayana to stage *Sita Swayamvara* on three Sundays this month



Scenes from the play 'Sita Swayamvara.'

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (PM&SD)- The valedictory function of Subbaiah Naidu Memorial short-term (three-month) theatre training course organised by Rangayana was held at Vanaranga here yesterday evening (Jan. 14). Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited Chairman N.V. Phaneesh released a handbook on this occasion. Senior theatre director Prof. H.S. Umesh was the chief guest.

Later, participants of theatre training camp staged *Sita Swayamvara,* a play written by M.L. Srikantegowda and directed by Jeevan Kumar B. Heggodu.

Earlier, on Wednesday, addressing a press conference at Rangayana premises, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa stated that the play *Sita Swayamvara* will again be staged on all Sundays of this month (Jan. 17, Jan. 24 and Jan. 31) at 6.30 pm.

Rangayana had organised this theatre training course in memory of theatre icon Subbaiah Naidu. A total of 26 young theatre enthusiasts had taken part in this training. They were selected through interview. About 60 percent of participants are engineering students. All major aspects of theatre including acting, makeup, costume designing and body language had been incorporated in this training.

Padma Shri Nagarathnamma Women's Theatre Training Camp, which is being held at Rangayana premises now to encourage amateur women theatre artistes since Nov. 15, will conclude on Feb. 16, he said.

Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival - 2021 in April

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (PM&SD) - After several months of limited activity due to the pandemic last year, Mysuru Rangayana is all set to host Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival in April this year.

Addressing a press conference at Rangayana premises on Wednesday, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa said, "The Bahuroopi Theatre festival is usually conducted at the start of the year, either in January or February. Last year, in 2020, it was held in the month of February. Due to the pandemic scare, we are now planning to organise the famed theatre festival after the winter, in the month of April this year."

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, senior Rangayana artiste Geetha Montadka and Arasikere Yogananda were present at the press meet.

Rangayana to stage Arebhashe play *Sahebru Bandavre!!* today

Mysuru, Jan. 15 (PM&SD) - Karnataka Arebhashe Samskruthi-Sahitya Academy in association with Rangayana Mysuru will be staging Arebhashe play '*Sahebru Bandavre!!*' today (Jan. 15) at Kiru Rangamandira from 6.30 pm. Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah, President of Kodagu Gowda Samaja Thontabailu Manohar and Academy Chairman Lakshminarayana Kajegadde will be the chief guests for the event, said Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa.

K.G. Bopaiah *Addanda C. Cariappa*

Nrityagiri to present 'Nritya Namana' at Ganabharathi on Jan. 16

Mysuru, Jan. 15- Nrityagiri has organised 'Nritya Namana' by B.R. Sripriya, N.S. Ranjitha and Deeksha Ramesh at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar on Jan. 16 at 6.30 pm.

Music ensemble: Natuvanga - Vidu. S.C. Kathyayini; Vocal - Vid. Rao R. Sharath; Mridanga - Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj and Flute - Vid. Samrudh Srinivas.

B.R. Sripriya *N.S. Ranjitha* *Deeksha Ramesh*

Ranjitha, daughter of M. Shiva-kumaraswamy and A.G. Komala of Mysuru, is currently working as a software engineer at Cisco Systems India.

Sripriya, daughter of Ramji and Vedavalli of Mysuru, is working as Senior Analyst in DELL- EMC at Bengaluru. Deeksha, daughter of Ramesh and Vijayalakshmi of Mysuru, is a software technical writer in city.

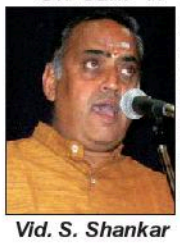
All the three artistes are under the tutelage of Guru Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke and also pursuing MFA in Bharatanatyam from Tiruchirappalli Diocesan Educational Society through distance education.

Nadabrahma to remember two violin legends

Dhanurvainika Brahma title to be conferred on Vid. Mysore M. Nagaraj

Mysuru, Jan. 15- Two violin legends will be remembered by Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha at a programme to be held on Jan. 17 and Jan. 19.

On Jan. 17 (Sunday), Vid. S. Shankar will give a vocal concert at 6 pm at Nadabrahma Sabha on JLB Road in memory of legendary Violin Maestro Parur MSG. He will be accompanied on Violin by Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan, Tumkur B. Ravishankar on Mridanga and Sharath Kaushik on Ghata. The programme is sponsored by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy in honour of his Guru.



Vid. S. Shankar

On Jan. 19 (Tuesday), the Sabha will remember Piteel Chowdaiah. The programme is sponsored by Piteelu Chowdaiah Samsmarana Vedike.

Vid. Mysore M.Nagaraj will be conferred the title "Dhanurvainika Brahma" in honour of Piteel Mysore T. Chowdaiah on his 53rd death anniversary.

Actor-MP Sumalatha Ambarish, who is a family member of Piteel Chowdaiah, will be the chief guest. MLA L.Nagendra will be the guest of honour.

Parur MSG *Piteelu Chowdaiah*

Gifted Violin Maestros Dr. Mysore Manjunath and Mysore Nagaraj, the sons and disciples of renowned violinist Prof. Mahadevappa, were child prodigies who matured quickly to emerge as one of the Top Ranking Violinists in India today. Their exceptional musical talents were first revealed at very tender age of 8 when they stormed into the music world.

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125th birth anniversary celebrations of Piteel Chowdaiah

Violin duet at Krishna Gana Sabha

Mysuru, Jan. 15- The 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Piteel Chowdaiah has been organised by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha and Kannada & Culture Department, at Alwar Kala Bhavan in Gokulam on Jan.16 at 6 pm.

On the occasion, Dr. Mysore Manjunath and Mysore Sumanth Manjunath will present a violin duet while Chartered Accountant A. Viswanath of Gokulam will unveil the portrait of Piteelu T. Chowdaiah.

Vid. Dr. Manjunath *Vid. Sumanth*

The accompanying artistes are Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

Online Flute Recital by Vid. Keshava Chandra

Vid. Keshava *Vidu.Shruthi* *Vid. Ajay* *Vid. Vikram*

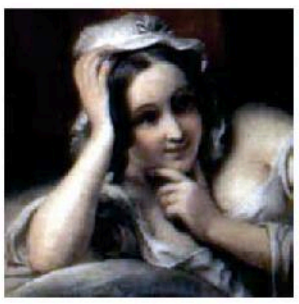
Mysuru, Jan. 15- An online flute concert by Vid. C.S. Keshava Chandra will be premiered by Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, on their YouTube channel, under the series, "Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama", showcasing the next generation artistes from in and around Mysuru, at 5 pm on Saturday (Jan. 16).

Young and promising artistes of Mysuru, Vidu. C.V. Shruthi will provide violin support, while Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj and Vid. T.N. Ajay will support on mridanga and ghata respectively.

Music-lovers may watch the concert by visiting Sabha's YouTube channel at "Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust."

WORD OF THE DAY

Comely



Pronunciation: KUM-lee.
Meaning: Pleasurably conforming to notions of good appearance, suitability, or proportion; having a pleasing appearance : not homely or plain.
Origin: Although comely is now typically used to describe the appearance of human beings, it was once used more broadly of other appealing things, such as fine clothing. Comely can be traced back to Old English words variously meaning "glorious," "lively," or "fine." If you are looking to pretty up your prose or poetry with additional words meaning "beautiful," English is well-supplied with them. Aside from beautiful itself, we have lovely, handsome, pretty, fair, good-looking, gorgeous, ravishing, and even well-favored.
Example: "No one looks particularly handsome or comely wearing a face mask." — Robin Givhan, The Washington Post, 26 May 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Cacology

Bad choice of words or faulty pronunciation.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Call a spade a spade

Meaning: Speak plainly, describe something as it really is.
Origin: It might be thought that this derives from the derogatory use of the slang term 'spade', meaning Negro, an American term originating in the 20th century. That view of it as derogatory might also be thought to be supported by this piece from John Trapp's Mellificium theologicum, or the marrow of many good authors, 1647: "Gods people shall not spare to call a spade a spade, a niggard a niggard." Trapp's use of 'niggard' is difficult to interpret. The word had several meanings in the 17th century. It could be used to mean 'miser', which is the more common usage today, or as a general term of abuse - 'lout', 'barbarian' etc. The word was also used as the name of firebricks in grates. The co-incidence in form and pronunciation of 'niggard' and 'n*gger' causes some confusion. Although the two words probably derived independently, they doubtless affected each other's development of meaning over time.
An earlier expression of the notion, albeit in different form to that which we now use, comes from Nicolas Udall's 'Apophthegmes, that is to saie, prompte saiynges. First gathered by Erasmus' - translated in 1542: "Philippus aunswered, that the Macedonians wer feloes of no fyne witte in their termes but altogether grosse, clubbyshe, and rusticall, as they whiche had not the witte to calle a spade by any other name then a spade."

QUOTE BOX

Not many know that digging the akhada pit with spade is the best warm-up exercise. **— Sangram Singh**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

RASINGINGIN

Answer: Singing in the rain.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Frenziedly misbehaving
5 A shrill bark
8 South Pacific boat
12 Flying insect
13 Southern European
15 Rhombus for one?
17 Viper or python
18 ___ fixe : an obsession ?
19 Motel kin
21 Bulgarian capital
24 Feminine pronoun
27 Coat iron with zinc?
30 Calendar abbr.
31 Perennial plants?
32 Estimated Time En route
33 Bluish violet gems
35 Doctor
36 Literary style
37 Fix in position
39 Prong of fork
41 Belly button
45 Make a distinction
49 Brewing pot for a witch?
50 Zola title
51 Small piece of land surrounded by water
52 Opp. direction to NNW
53 Russian emperor of days gone by

DOWN

1 Electric current units
2 Long murmur expressing physical or mental suffering
3 Other abroad
4 Army colour
5 Designer's monogram
6 Large monkey
7 Ancient Indic language
8 Homing bird
9 Attenuated or diluted
10 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
11 Admiral, abbr.
14 Shows consent by moving the head (4,6)
16 Elongated, extended or drew out
20 Not any
22 Analogy words (2,2)
23 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
24 A hitch or a stumbling block, in a way?
25 Dwelling or residence
26 Full of incidents, momentous
28 French article
29 Animal doctors, in short
34 Fragment, piece, morsel
38 Tarnish
40 Goes off the straight and narrow path?
42 Former Sri Lankan paceman Chaminida ___
43 Famous volcano
44 King in a play by Shakespeare
45 Year in St. Gregory I's papacy
46 Indicated Airspeed
47 Greek goddess of dawn
48 Weather-report abbr.

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

S	C	A	T	■	B	U	R	R	■	L	O	S
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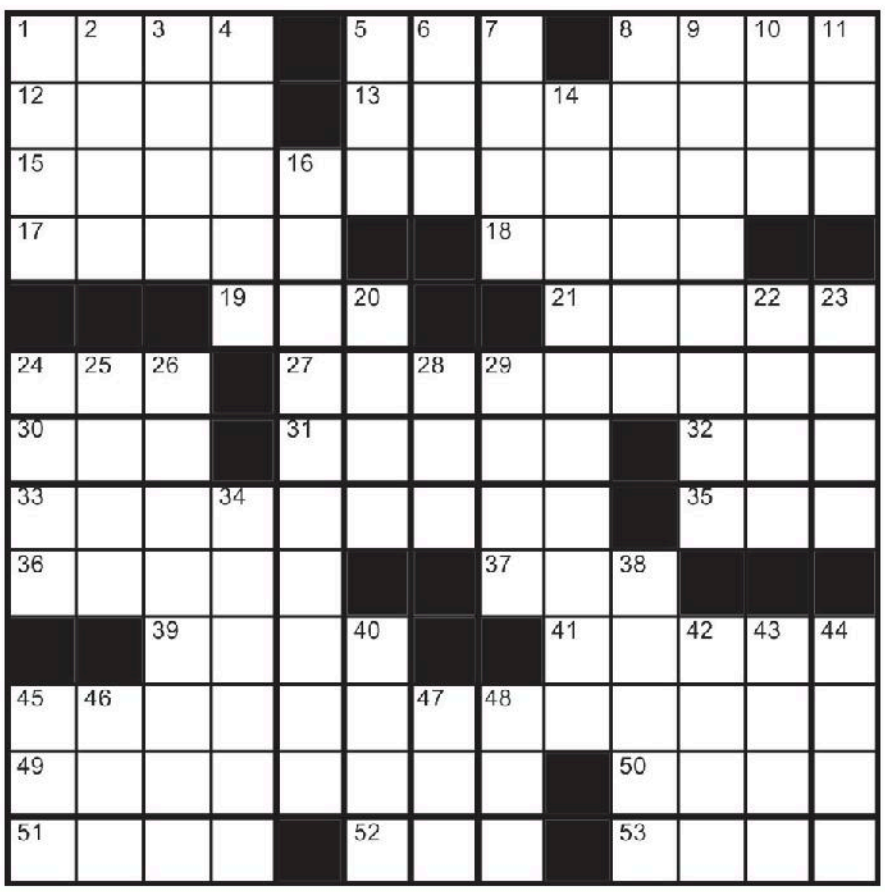

SUDOKO

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	4			5			7	
1			4		7		8	2
	7						9	3
			8		5			
3	1						5	
8	5		3		1			9
	6			8			2	
					9	4		

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	1	4	5	6	2	9	7
5	2	7	8	9	1	6	4	3
9	6	4	2	3	7	5	8	1
4	9	3	7	1	2	8	5	6
2	8	6	3	4	5	1	7	9
7	1	5	6	8	9	3	2	4
1	4	8	5	7	3	9	6	2
6	7	9	1	2	8	4	3	5
3	5	2	9	6	4	7	1	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GC UFR UXHUF TVREZ'U EIQR HE, PFIU

TVRE UFIU EIL IDVHU HE?

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS D

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: One's first step in wisdom is to question everything - and one's last is to come to terms with everything.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 15)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **upto 8.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Online veena recital by Vidushi Mysore S. Rajalakshmi accompanied by Vidwan H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vidwan M.R. Manjunath on ghata, [www.facebook.com/ganabharati/ and www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0xFMozyVrw], **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Sahebru Bandavre,' by Karnataka Arebhashe Samskruthi mathu Sahitya Academy, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 16)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees from across the country, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **House and Festiworld:** Indian Art and Craft Expo, open ground, near Apollo Hospital, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Mysuru District Jagatika Lingayat Mahasabha:** Releasing of senior artiste and writer L. Shivalingappa's book *Ondishtu Chintisi,* Sri Chidananda Mahaswamiji of Hosamutt graces the occasion, Prof. Chandrashekaraiah, Visiting Professor, Sri Basaveshwara Kendra, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, UoM releases the book, Devaraj P. Chikkalli, Lecturer, Jnanodaya PU College, speaks on the book, Dr. Sharathchandra Swamiji of Kunduru Mutt, Mysuru, presides, Parishat President M. Chandrashekar delivers a keynote address, Nataraja Sabha Bhavan, Shankar Mutt Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Nrityagiri:** Nritya Namana' by B.R. Sripriya, N.S. Ranjitha and Deeksha Ramesh (disciples of Guru Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke), Music ensemble: Natuvanga - Vidu. S.C. Kathyayini; Vocal - Vid. Rao R. Sharath; Mridanga - Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj and Flute - Vid. Samrudh Srinivas, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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Master (Ta)	(S-1)	8.15 am, 11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 6.35 pm 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.00 pm
	(S-3)	2.35 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Master (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	11.30 am, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Red (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Alludu Adhurs (Te)	(S-3)	6.40 pm
Eeswaran (Ta)	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 4.15 pm

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Master (Ta)	(S-1)	5.00 pm, 8.55 pm
	(S-2)	10 am, 2 pm 6, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	11 am
Master (K)	(S-1)	1.00 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.15 pm
Red (Te)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 pm
Alludu Adhurs (Te)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
Eeswaran (Ta)	(S-1)	10.15 am
	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Vikki (K)	(S-4)	11.45 am

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Master (Ta)	(S-1)	10.00 am
	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 4.15 pm 7.45 pm
	(S-3)	11.35 am, 3.00 pm 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	5.45 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Goa beat Jamshedpur 3-0 to climb up to third place

Goa and Jamshedpur players in action during the match at Fatorda Stadiuim, Goa, yesterday.

Margao, Jan. 15 - Goa moved up to the third place in the Indian Super League (ISL) standings after registering a comprehensive 3-0 win over Jamshedpur at the Fatorda Stadium yesterday.

Jorge Ortiz Mendoza scored a brace as Goa defeated Jamshedpur. The Gaurs were also helped by some brave goalkeeping from Naveen Kumar, who was brought in to replace Mohammad Nawaz. Ortiz scored in both halves while Ivan Gonzalez added a late third after Jamshedpur's Alexandre Lima received marching orders following a second booking.

It was end-to-end play in the opening minutes which saw both sides create goal-scoring opportunities. Jamshedpur had an early opportunity to take the lead when they were awarded a free-kick outside the box. Aitor Monroy's outswinging freekick into the box was there to be put in by Peter Hartley, but the skipper couldn't get the right connection.

At the other end, Goa pressured the opponents and nearly broke the deadlock when Brandon Fernandes played Ortiz through on goal, but the latter's shot was kept out by Rehenesh.

However, the Jamshedpur goalkeeper couldn't stop Ortiz in the 19th minute. Noguera's brilliance on the right saw him get past his marker with quick feet and composure. The Spaniard then squared the ball to Ortiz, who fired it into the bottom corner.

Soon after the start of the second half, Ortiz scored his second. Noguera played Brandon through and the Goan squared it towards Ortiz. He took a first-time shot, which hit the post but he did not miss on the rebound.

Ortiz had the chance to complete his hat-trick a while later but this time, Rehenesh pulled off a fine save. Goa scored their third through Ivan Gonzalez. The defender played a one-two with Angulo at the edge of the box and dinked the ball past Rehenesh, into the net.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE
IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Jan. 15)
EAST BENGAL
Vs
KERALA BLASTERS
Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Jan. 16)
MUMBAI CITY
Vs
HYDERABAD
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result
GOA - 3
beat
JAMSHEDPUR - 0

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India Vs Australia 4th Test

Natarajan leads India's fight back with double strike

Indian players celebrating after the fall of a wicket.

Brisbane, Jan. 15 - India took the crucial wicket of Australia's Marnus Labuschagne on Day 1, of the fourth and final Test match, at The Gabba, in Brisbane today. Labuschagne fell to T. Natarajan, who had taken the wicket of Matthew Wade earlier on Day 1. Labuschagne slammed 108 runs off 204 deliveries.

Washington Sundar took the crucial wicket of Steve Smith, while, David Warner was dismissed by Mohammed Siraj. Shardul Thakur got the better of opener Marcus Harris.

India suffered a double blow before the start of the match with Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah ruled out due to injury. T. Natarajan and Washington Sundar made their debuts for India in Test cricket. Ashwin and Bumrah's absence adds to India's growing list of injuries already consisting of K.L. Rahul, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Hanuma Vihari and Ravindra Jadeja. For Australia, Marcus Harris has replaced will Pucovski.

Australia were 274 for the loss of five wickets at the close of the day's play.

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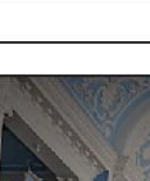
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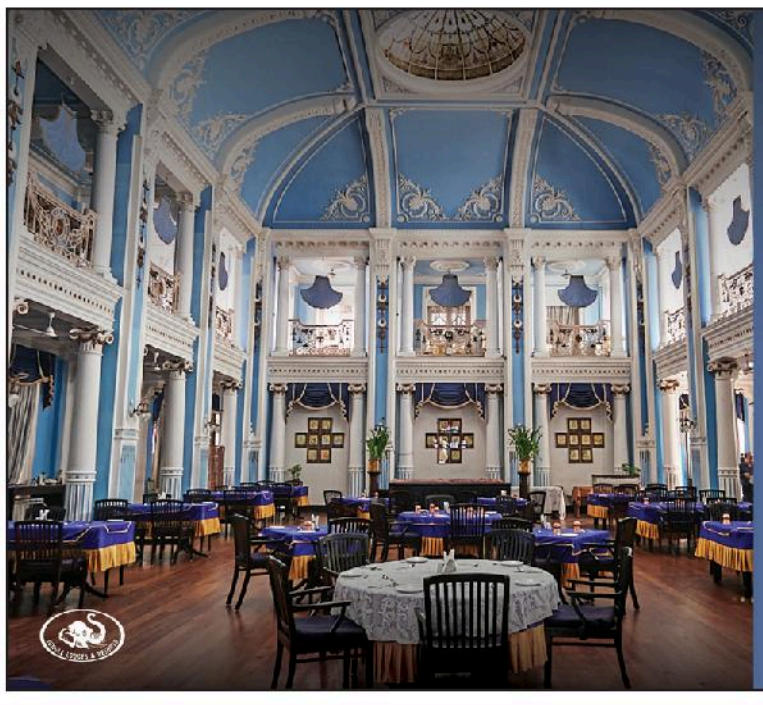

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